

three hundred summers. And, second, "that no attempt should be made to tamper with the faith of native Christians." As might have been expected, not a single conversion was effected among the *Talasa*, nor, indeed, did our Protestant preachers long turn their attention towards gathering this obdurate remnant of Israel into the garner of the *chaste* trinity, Elizabeth Luther, and Calvin. But they did violate the second condition. and, indeed, by their own confession they had promised with the intention of breaking it, thus acting upon the principle condemned by the Catholic Church "that the end sanctifies the means." They began by distributing their wretched mistranslations of the Bible, and ended in propagating doubt and incredulity, succeeding in this, too, principally by means of arousing trade in rum, which the pious Protestants distilled, for the honor and glory of their god, and the spiritual benefit of such as would receive the *water of life* at their hands. However, the Emperor and *Abun*, preferring their ancient faith to this *rummy religion* from over the seas, issued a degree forbidding all creeds but that of the Coptic Church, thus excluding the Catholic, as well as that of Mr. Sterne and his *pious (?) confreres*, who, out of love for Abyssinian souls, had come to distil strong drink and make cannon in Ethiopia. Well, we all remember how the Emperor appreciating the mechanical skill of the six English subjects, and two Germans, refused to allow them to leave the country after forbidding their proselytizing, and that out of this detention arose the war between England and Abyssinia. At the time of the issuing of the decree forbidding all creeds but that of the Coptic Church there were 60,000 native Christian in communion with Rome under the *Abun* Yaigob. Monsignor de Jacobis, with the chief converts, removed to the vicinity of the Red Sea, The present Pope is taking a more than ordinary interest in the conversion of Africa, apostolic men are sent to labor there, and the work of the Lord is advancing. Let us pray that this ancient religion may through the intercession of S. Frumentius and all the band of Ethiopic